

Messiah Lutheran Church
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First Sunday in Advent
Ad Te Levavi

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Divine Service III

Messiah Lutheran Church

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Mike Henning

Ushers: Artyom Varvil & Mark Bernhardt

Greeter: Jim Madison

Organist: Henry Buehrens

Altar Guild: LeAnn Varvil & Cara Zietz

Altar Flowers: Today's altar flowers are provided by Paul & Mary Rusch.

Fellowship: Louie & Kathy Capriotti

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Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

Introit

Ps. 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: Ps. 25:1–3a



To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul.*

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult | over me.*

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame.

**Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- |
vation;*

for you I wait all the | day long.

**May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,*
for I | wait for you.**

Redeem Israel, | O God,*

out of all his | troubles.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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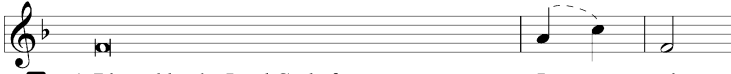
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Kyrie

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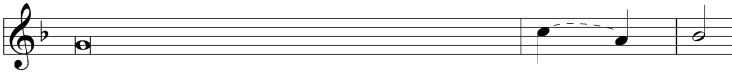
Benedictus



1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;
 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
 2 who have been since the world be - gan:
 3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
 4 might serve Him with - out fear,
 5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
 6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
 7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
 2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
 3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
 4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore Him
 5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
 6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 7 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
 2 and from the hand of all who hate us;
 3 to grant us that we,
 4 all the days of our life.
 5 in the for - give - ness of their sins,
 6 to guide our feet in - to the way of peace.
 7 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

⁵Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall

execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

⁷“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

Gradual

Ps. 25:3-4



None who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.
Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

Epistle

Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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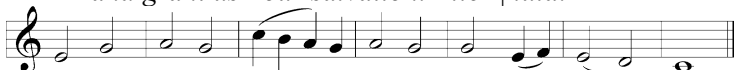
☐ Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Alle- | luia.**

Alle- | luia.

*Show us Your | mercy, LORD,**

and grant us Your salvation. Alle- | luia.



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Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:1–9

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

Apostles' Creed

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Sit

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332, choir v. 4

Sermon

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Offertory

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Prayer of the Church

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Fling Wide the Gates

Choir

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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Creator of the Stars of Night

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O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

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What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

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Prepare the Royal Highway

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Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350

+ V D M A +

**Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Lord endures forever**

+PRAYER LIST+

- ✘ Those who serve in our armed forces: Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, and veterans.
- ✘ For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Rev. Dave & Judy Dissen (relatives of Marilyn Dissen), Michelle Knull, Gail Kulbacki, Roger & Sara Lyngen, Kathy Reynolds (aunt of Casey Blair), Jim Sandberg, and Bill Colombe.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1st+

- ✘ **DECORATING:** Today we will be decorating for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please stay to help if you can.
- ✘ **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesday morning Bible study will discuss the hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (LSB 357).
- ✘ **POINSETTIAS:** Please use the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to provide a poinsettia to beautify our sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Please submit payment by Sunday, December 15th.
- ✘ **ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICES** begin this Wednesday, 12/4. We will have Advent Matins at 9:00 am, as an alternative to those who are not able to come in the evening. At 5:45 pm we will have an Italian-themed potluck dinner; sign-up on the bulletin board. At 6:30 pm we will have Advent Evening Prayer.
- ✘ **HIGHER THINGS:** It's time to register for the next Higher Things retreat in Sheboygan, February 14-16. Registration fees are being covered by a Messiah member. Get a registration form from Lesa and submit it by Sunday, 12/15.
- ✘ **CHRISTMAS GIVING:** There are gifts tags in the fellowship hall for families in need at the Shalom Center and KAFASI. If you would like to help, please take a tag and leave your contact info on the matching tag. Wrapped gifts are due by Dec 15th. See Debbie Davidson or Kris Kochman with questions. We are happy to do the shopping if anyone would prefer to make a cash donation.

- ✘ **STEWARDSHIP:** Thank you to all who attended the voters’ meeting last week. As discussed, while adjustments are being made and spending cut from the 2024 planned budget, receipts have not been sufficient recently to meet our obligations. We have set a goal to raise an additional \$13,000 to help cover our 2024 expenses. If you are able, please consider making an additional gift during this holiday season to help Messiah finish this year, and start 2025 in a better financial position. Contact our treasurer, Brent Jiter, with any questions.
“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” ~2 Corinthians 9:7
- ✘ **CIRCUIT YOUTH ACTIVITY:** There will be Christmas caroling and bowling on Saturday, December 14th. Please meet at St. Paul's in Union Grove at 2:00. See Pastor Roemke for more information.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord’s Work contributions budget YTD as of 11/29:	\$241,557
Lord’s Work contributions received YTD as of 11/29:	\$193,441
Difference:	-\$48,116
Restricted contributions YTD as of 11/29:	\$11,846
Mortgage Balance as of 11/15:	\$9,530

ATTENDANCE 11/24: 112

BIRTHDAYS

12/4 Anna Enriquez

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

12/2 Abby Hiebert-Schultz

+DECEMBER EVENTS AT MESSIAH+

	Wednesday	Dec. 4	9:00 am	Advent Matins
			9:30 am	Bible Study
			5:45 pm	Advent Potluck: Italian
			6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
	Wednesday	Dec. 11	9:00 am	Advent Matins
			9:30 am	Bible Study
			5:45 pm	Advent Potluck: Mexican
			6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
	Friday	Dec. 13	6:00 pm	Craft & Chat
	Wednesday	Dec. 18	9:00 am	Advent Matins
			9:30 am	Bible Study
			5:45 pm	Advent Potluck: Pizza
			6:30 pm	Advent Evening Prayer
	Tuesday	Dec. 24	4:30 pm	Service of Lessons & Carols
			11:00 pm	Midnight Divine Service
	Wednesday	Dec. 25	9:00 am	Christmas Divine Service